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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
HIROMI OKUBO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: LE, B.  
SERIAL NO: 09/663,843 :  
FILED: SEPTEMBER 15, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2623  
FOR: IMAGE PROCESSING BASED ON :  
DEGREE OF WHITE-BACKGROUND  
LIKELINESS

**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action dated February 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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